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TENTATIVE PROGRAM
TEXAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION--ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL 1-2-3, 1948--AUSTIN

THURSDAY - April 1

Afternoon: Registration--Driskill Hotel Mezzanine
Informal reception--Austin Library Club--Driskill Hotel

Night: First General Session--Driskill Hotel
Chairman--Mr. R.W. Severance, President
Talk--Dr. Luther H. Evans, Librarian of Congress
Talk--Mr. John Hall Jacobs, Librarian, New Orleans P.L.
Business

FRIDAY - April 2

Morning: 9:30 Division Meetings
School Libraries--Dean Haskew, University of Texas
Public Libraries--Patricia O. Blair, Film Adviser, A.L.A.

Noon: 12:30-1:45 Friends of Libraries Luncheon
Chairman--Mrs. A. M. McAfee, President

Afternoon: 2:00 General Session--Libraries for Texans--Panel Discussion with audience participation. Moderator--Dr. Robert L. Sutherland, Director, The Hogg Foundation, U.T.

Night: 7:00 Third General Session Dinner Meeting
Speaker--Mr. Stanley Walker

Saturday - April 3

School Libraries Division--Luncheon

CALLING ALL COUNTY LIBRARIANS!

The State Library and County Division of T.L.A. is working to hold an Institute for county librarians and their assistants. The purpose of this meeting is threefold, (1) to evaluate and codify routine work, (2) to develop more adequate public relations programs, and (3) to present the first two aims in a comprehensive form at the meeting of the T.L.A. which will be held in April. The Institute meeting will be held March 29-31 in the Adminstration building of the Lower Colorado River Authority, Buchanan Dam, and will cost $6.00 per person for the whole three-day period. Comfortable quarters in a beautiful natural setting, good food, and fun will add incentive to some hard, directed work on some common county library problems. Letters with full details will go out to all county librarians and reservations will be made as requested.

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ALPHA PUBLIC LIBRARY (ROBSTOWN) More than $1,200 was subscribed to in the drive for funds to support the local Alpha Public Library. Proceeds from the drive will go toward repairing the Alpha Library building and purchasing much needed equipment. In addition there will be added other supplies badly needed to bring the library's facilities up to a standard that will make it possible to offer better service to the public.

BRAZORIA COUNTY LIBRARY The Brazoria County Library moved into its new quarters in the annex to the Courthouse, in Angleton, and celebrated that move and the arrival of its new bookmobile with open house on December 10. The big two-ton truck is busily covering the roads every day of the week and some of the evenings.

Freeport Branch of the Brazoria County Library recently lost the lease on its quarters, and is temporarily homeless. A large gathering of citizens of the Brazosport area met January 13 to discuss emergency measures and to form themselves into an organization known as Friends of the Freeport Library. Miss Bernice Hurst, Librarian of Brazoria County Library, and Mrs. Robert Wilson of the State Library were present to make short talks and to answer questions.

DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY Texas Libraries are watching with interest the fight of the Dallas Public Library for sufficient funds to continue operation. The trustees have set three choices in the event emergency funds are not forthcoming.

1. To close the library when the present funds are depleted.
2. To stop buying books.
3. To shut down one day a week to save on personnel and salaries.

The Library's plight is receiving wide attention. Splendid coverage, including editorials, feature articles, photographs, and cartoons, has been given by the Dallas Press.

DEE BROWN MEMORIAL LIBRARY (ROSEBUD) C.F. Brown of Rosebud is donating a $25,000 library building to be called the "Dee Brwon Memorial Library" in honor of his wife. The Wednesday Study Club voted to accept the trusteeship of the library in accordance with his desire.

DENISON PUBLIC LIBRARY The Denison Public Library is asking for an increase in revenue for the operation of its library. Formerly, the Denison Public Library was receiving approximately $3,000 per year for maintenance and operation. The new sum is set at double the present figure, $6,000, which is an average cost to each Denison citizen of 28.6 cents per person--almost one fourth of the $1.00 per person which is considered necessary for the operation of an ideal library.

DENTON COUNTY LIBRARY The city commission Friday afternoon approved a contract with the architects to draw plans for a library building to be constructed by the city. The library was financed by a $50,000 bond proposal approved by the city voters in October. The county will operate the library when the city has provided the building.

FORT BEND COUNTY LIBRARY Miss Mary Lee Cooper has assumed her duties as librarian of the newest Texas County library. She was formerly Children's Librarian in the Midland County Library. She writes that several hundred books have been received, and that other work is going forward in Rosenberg and in Richmond. Plans are being made for ordering a bookmobile to serve the County.

ALPINE PUBLIC LIBRARY (ROBSTOWN) More than $1,200 was subscribed to in the drive for funds to support the local Alpine Public Library. Proceeds from the drive will go toward repairing the Alpine Library building and purchasing much needed equipment. In addition there will be added other supplies badly needed to bring the library's facilities up to a standard that will make it possible to offer better service to the public.

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BLANCO LIBRARY The Blanco Library is at "long last" to have a permanent home. The Library's Board of Directors has purchased a building formerly used as a G.I. Barracks. Mrs. Elmer Dale, backed by a group of prominent women, is making every effort to make the library site the beauty spot of the town.

FORT WORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY Librarian Joseph Ibbotson announced the addition of fifteen shorthand speed dictation records to the business department of the Fort Worth Public Library. These records can be used in coordination with studies in the Gregg Shorthand Manual.

Long days spent by people bedridden or shut in because of illness or accident can be brightened now by a new service instituted here by the Fort Worth Society for Shut-Ins and the local Lions Club. The service is the distribution of ceiling projection machines by which persons either too ill or handicapped can lie in bed and read books projected on the ceiling. Four machines and 110 microfilm books have been presented to the Fort Worth Public Library. This is the first service of its kind in Texas.

Fort Worth Public Library will open a lending station tomorrow in the Kennedale School. The station is one of 45 operated in the county outside the city limits by the Fort Worth library. Librarian will be Mrs. Bessie Warren.

HARRIS COUNTY LIBRARY Mrs. Margaret Sims Bagles has joined the staff of the Harris County Library as assistant to Miss Bernice Snell, Librarian. She is a former resident of Austin, a University of Texas graduate, with library courses at the University of Illinois.

HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY The Extension worker spent several days in the midst of West Texas's snow and ice visiting in Big Spring. She was the guest speaker at a luncheon meeting of the Friends of the Howard County Library, at which time plans were launched for a drive for a thousand members, and outlines were made for the beginning year's activities. Mrs. A.C. Thomas is the new President, and Miss Mathilda Maier the Secretary.

PARIS PUBLIC LIBRARY Reading preferences changed noticeably at Paris Public Library during 1947, the librarian, Miss Nina Shelton, observes. The year before, war books vied with "Forever Amber" and "The Egg and I" for popularity; the past year saw a swing toward vocations, history and biography, with Russian interest in the lead, and mysteries for relaxation.

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY The San Antonio Public Library has asked the mayor for a budget allocation of $188,000 for the current fiscal year ending May 31. Of this amount, $30,000 is for the Landa Memorial Library, or the same amount allocated for the six months it operated during the last fiscal year. Last year the public library received $167,000 of which $30,000 was for the Landa Library. The library board was asked by the mayor to operate on virtually the same budget this year pending the determination of the city's resources for this year's spending.

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SAN ANTONIO - The San Antonio MUNICIPAL Public Library has LIBRARY asked the mayor for a budget allocation of $198,000 for the current fiscal year ending May 31. Of this amount, $30,000 is for the Laura Memorial Library, on the same amount allocated for the six months it operated during the last fiscal year. Last year the public library received $187,000 of which $30,000 was for the Laura Library. The Library Board was asked by the mayor to operate on virtually the same budget this year pending the determination of the city's resources for this year's expenditures.

STANDROD - Mrs. H.L. Boynie, who has CARNEGIE served as Standrod's LIBRARY Carnegie Librarian for many years, has withdrawn her resignation which was announced in the Stamford paper.

ROSENBERG LIBRARY (GALVESTON) In cooperation with the Galveston League of Women Voters, the library recently featured a large exhibit entitled "Atomic Challenge--Man vs Atom." The traveling exhibit on atomic energy was prepared by the League of Women Voters of Texas. It consisted of nine panels, three feet wide by seven feet high, depicting the history of the atomic energy; drawings of the atom chain reaction; and other information essential to a general knowledge of the atom. The library also distributed free pamphlets explaining the significance of atomic energy and the need for its control.

Miss Haxel A. Millard, 59, assistant to the librarian at Rosenberg Library and a member of the staff of that institution for the past 34 years, died at St. Mary's Infirmary, Tuesday, December 2, 1947.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS LIBRARY (HOUSTON) Miss Olga M. Peterson, until October Chief of A.L.A.'s Public Relations Office, is now Librarian of the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Texas librarians who have met Miss Peterson and who know of her work with A.L.A. feel gratified to have her in Texas, and are looking forward to having her take part in Texas Library Association. She has agreed to help the county librarians with their publicity panel at the County Library Institute. Our good wishes are with her in her big work in assembling and organizing an entirely new library for a new university.

TEXAS CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN HOUSTON The Houston Public Library extends an invitation to Texas librarians to visit Houston during the Texas Creative Arts Festival, March 11-14, at which the members of the Tuesday Musical Club will be official hostesses. Saturday morning, March 14, has been designated as Library Day. Texas authors and illustrators are being invited and will be presented at that time. Texas authors' works will be on display and a program of informal talks is being arranged. Librarians will want to attend this and other features of the festival which include: Little Theatre performances of a play by a Texas playwright; display of works by Texas artists; Azalea Trail sponsored by the River Oaks Garden Club; Texas Composers concert by the Houston Symphony Orchestra; and Verdi's Requiem by the Symphony with soloist and chorus. Mrs. Earle Standish, in charge of arrangements, will be very grateful if Texas librarians will send her exact addresses of authors living in their cities.

MEET THE SCIENCES Is an annotated six page science book list for the general reader which covers some fifty titles, mainly current, and selected with the aid of science experts for the readability as well as authoritative treatment. It provides a gauge to measure the quality of the existing science collection and aids readers' advisers in suggesting readings; suggests materials for science displays; and stimulates science reading. YOUR COPY MAY BE OBTAINED FREE FROM THE TEXAS STATE LIBRARY as long as the supply lasts.

AUSTIN HOTEL RATES

DRISKILL: Double with bath-$5 up.
S.F.AUSTIN: " " $4 up.
Few single rooms available.
For information on other accommodations write Fred Folmer, U. of T. Library; Chairman, Local Arrangements Committee.

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